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1)⊠	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 M	a <u>y 2007</u> .				
2a) <u></u> ☐	This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.					
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Dispositi	on of Claims					
5)□ 6)⊠	Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray Claim(s) is/are allowed. Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected. Claim(s) is/are objected to. Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or					
Application Papers						
	The specification is objected to by the Examine					
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.						
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
Priority u	ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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1) Notic	e of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary	(PTO-413)			
3) Inform	e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) r No(s)/Mail Date	Paper No(s)/Mail Da 5) Notice of Informal P 6) Other:				

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP 2000-085075.

JP teaches a multilayer coating substitution film comprising a transparent layer, a colored layer and an adhesive layer in abstract. Said colored layer would contain various mixtures of pigments such as titanium oxide and aluminum flake (see [0012] of English translation) meeting the instant invention.

Furthermore, paragraphs [0023] and [0024] of JP teach obtaining a film consisting of a clear layer/coloring layer/glue line before an extrusion lamination with a base material. Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to utilize a mixture of titanium oxide and aluminum flake in said colored layer in obtaining said film consisting of a clear layer/coloring layer/glue line before an extrusion lamination of JP since JP teaches such modification.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP 2000-085075 in view of Komatsu et al (US 6,096,378) or JP 2002-294163.

Rejection is maintained for reason of record with above response.

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Particle sizes of 3-7 microns and 5 microns or less taught by Komatsu et al fall within the claimed scope of the particle size contrary applicant's assertion.

In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually (JP'163 does not teach the instant three layer even though it teaches the instant particle size), one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tae H. Yoon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1128. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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